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In re the Application of:

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WADA et al.

Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/778,107

Examiner: Hoffmann, John M.

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 103203-00003

For: ELECTRIC FURNACE EXTENSION METHOD AND EXTENSION
APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL FIBER GLASS PREFORM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 12, 2003

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2003, the time for response being extended one (1) month from June 2, 2003 until July 2, 2003 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group I, Species A, the method of claim 5.

This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 103203-00003.

Respectfully submitted,



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